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In the Claims:

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1. (Amended) A composition comprising:
an emulsifier;
a polyol;
benzyl alcohol; and
a pharmacologically or biologically active compound;
wherein the composition is provided as a non-aqueous formulation.

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17. (Amended) A method of administering a pharmacologically active compound to a vertebrate, comprising:

providing the pharmacologically active compound in the form of a stable non-aqueous formulation comprising:
an emulsifier;
benzyl alcohol; and
a polyol; and

administering the formulation in the drinking water of the vertebrate.

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26. (Amended) A method of administering a pharmacologically active compound to a vertebrate, comprising:

providing the pharmacologically active compound in the form of a stable non-aqueous formulation comprising:
an emulsifier;
benzyl alcohol; and
n-methyl pyrrolidone; and

administering the formulation in the drinking water of the vertebrate.

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45. (Amended) A composition comprising:
an emulsifier;
a polyol;
a monohydric alcohol; and
a pharmacologically or biologically active compound;
wherein the composition is provided as a non-aqueous formulation.

Please add the following new claims. Support for these claims is found throughout the specification, with particular reference to page 8, lines 12-13 and page 5, line 8.

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52. (New) The composition of claim 1 in a package.
53. (New) The composition of claim 45 in a package.
54. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein the non-aqueous formulation is provided in a package.
55. (New) The method of claim 26 wherein the non-aqueous formulation is provided in a package.
56. (New) The composition of claim 1 diluted in the drinking water of a vertebrate
57. (New) The composition of claim 45 diluted in the drinking water of a vertebrate.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons which follow.

REMARKS

The present invention provides a non-aqueous composition for administering pharmacologically or biologically active compounds to vertebrates. In preferred embodiments, the compositions enable the easy solubilization of an active compound in a concentrated, non-